under detention for a period extending to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the alleged offence.

The Bill also provides that in no case will an undertrial prisoner be detained beyond the maximum period of imprisonment for which he can be convicted for the alleged offence.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra have recently forwarded to the Government Five Years' perspective plan for construction of new prisons, extension and renovation of existing prisons, construction of staff quarters and water supply and sanitation arrangements in the State including Vidarbha region. The tentative allocation of funds for Maharashtra including the State share of 25% for five years is Rs. 129.26 crore and for the current year Rs. 25.83 crore. No amount has been sanctioned so far.

Proposed amendment in Code of Criminal Procedure

†1452. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Code of Criminal Procedure to provide for special courts for hearing the cases against culprit politicians on day-to-day basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision will be taken on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Draft Bill for Statehood to Delhi

1453. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Delhi has drafted the Statehood Bill and sent it to the Union Government for approval and presentation in Parliament;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.